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A1 relates to an image communication apparatus which attaches the image file which used the function more than the simple mode in consideration of the capability of a receiver after communicating by G3 facsimile.

A2 relates to a facsimile apparatus which determines the coding method in consideration of the capability of the receiver. It transmits according to the size and the resolution of a manuscript which are outputted with a receiver.

A3 relates to a communication apparatus which adds the information on a function to communication of mail when transmitting the mail with which image data of a facsimile format was attached.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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